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**NOTICE****Request for Comments on Economic Impacts to Business from the Adoption of the 2003 Edition of the Uniform Mechanical Code (As Amended) by the State Fire Marshal**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State Fire Marshal's (SFM) proposed regulatory action to adopt by reference (with amendments), the 2003 Edition of the *Uniform Mechanical Code* as published by the International Association of Plumbing & Mechanical Officials has been submitted to the California Building Standards Commission for action. Pursuant to the Health and Safety Code § 13143, the SFM shall establish minimum requirements for the prevention of fire and for the protection of life and property against fire and panic in any building or structure defined therein.

Pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 18928, state regulatory agencies are directed to propose its amendments to the most recent edition of a model code. The SFM has proposed the adoption by reference of the 2003 Edition of the *Uniform Mechanical Code*. The SFM's proposed amendments to this model code may be categorized as:

- Continuation of the SFM amendments found in the 2001 California Mechanical Code
- Newly proposed amendments pursuant to Health and Safety Code, § 13143
- Adoption by reference, model code provisions not previously adopted

Pursuant to Executive Order S-2-03, the SFM shall evaluate the potential for adverse economic impacts to California business enterprises and individuals as required under Government Code § 11346.3. This evaluation shall apply to any proposed regulation submitted for action, but has not yet become effective.

Government Code § 11346.3 requires that prior to submitting a proposed regulation, the proposing agency shall consider all impacts the proposal may have on business. This consideration shall be made early in the rulemaking process to determine any of the following:

- ☐ The creation or elimination of jobs within the State of California
- ☐ The creation of new businesses or the elimination of existing businesses within the State of California
- ☐ The expansion of businesses currently doing business with the State of California

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The SFM encourages all interested parties to assist this Office with its efforts in determining unnecessary economic impacts, if any, relating to the recently proposed adoption of the California Mechanical Code, as based on the 2003 edition of the *Uniform Mechanical Code*. These documents are available for review at www.fire.ca.gov.

The SFM requests that comments be submitted to the SFM by the close of business on January 14, 2004 to the attention of:

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